In The Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 23 in the below noted manner. The amendment is not believed to introduce any new matter.

"While the methods, apparatus, and computer program products of this invention are applicable to any electronic design or target hardware device, they find particular value in the context of programmable logic devices (PLDs). As mentioned, a PLD is a programmable integrated circuit that allows the user of the circuit, using software control; to customize the logic functions the circuit will perform. Examples of PLDs are FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Arrays) and EPLDs (Erasable Programmable Logic Devices). The logic functions previously performed by small, medium and large-scale integration integrated circuits can instead be performed by programmable logic devices. As indicated, programmable logic devices supplied by integrated circuit manufacturers like Altera Corporation ~~(a more detailed description of these products can be found at "www.altera.com")~~ are not inherently capable of performing any specific action. The user, in conjunction with software supplied by the PLD manufacturer, can program the PLD to perform the specific function or functions required by the user's application. The PLD then can function in a larger system designed by the user, just as though dedicated logic chips were employed."